

NC Health Choice Program for Children
Physician Certification Definitions: Children with Special Needs

Criteria

1. Condition that lasts indefinitely—Defined by the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs as a condition that is likely to continue at least one year.
2. Condition that interferes with daily routine – A condition that has one or more of the following consequences for the child: a) Limitation of function, activities or social role; and/or b) Dependency on medication, special diet, medical technology, assistive devices, or personal assistance to compensate for or minimize their limitations.
3. Condition requires extensive medical intervention and family management- A condition where: a) There is a need for medical care or related services including adaptive equipment/durable medical equipment, mental/behavioral services or education services over and above what is usual for the child's age; or b) There is a need for special ongoing treatments, interventions or accommodations in the medical setting, at home or in school.